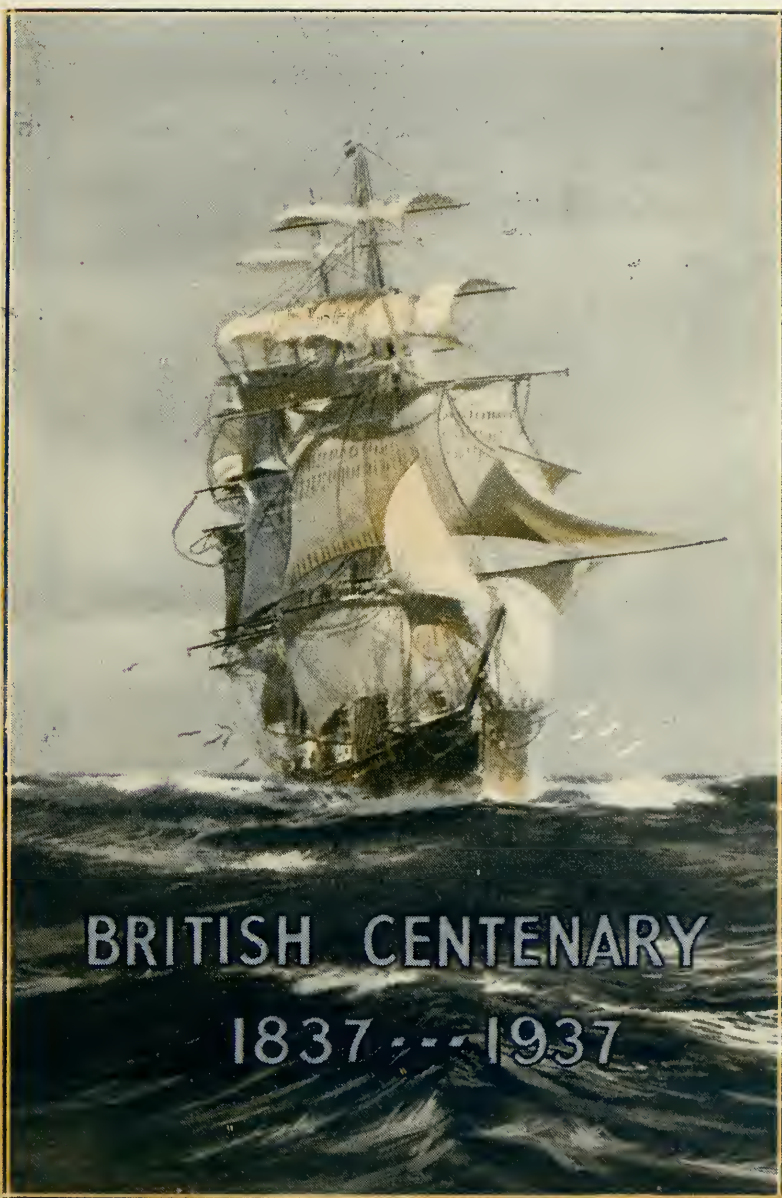


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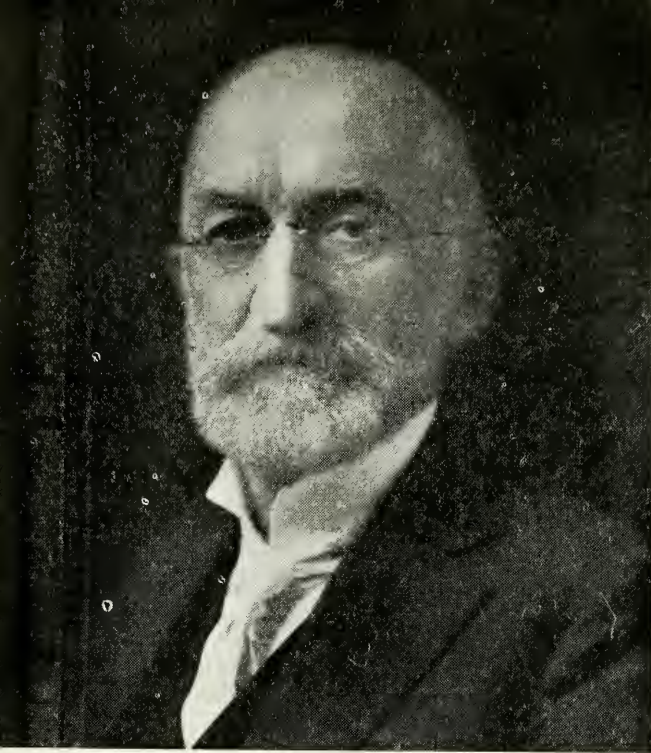
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Send forth the Elders of my church unto the nations which are afar off; unto the islands of the sea; send forth unto foreign lands; call upon all nations.

And behold, and lo, this shall be their cry, and the voice of the Lord unto all people: Go ye forth unto the land of Zion, that the borders of my people may be enlarged, and that Zion may go forth unto the regions round about.

(Doctrine and Covenants 133: 8-9)

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Since leaving home I have had the pleasure of reading Richard L. Evans' book giving a history of the British Mission, and the contents have been intensely interesting. The labours of the missionaries in early days met with greater success than could have been expected or hoped for. It is little less than marvellous that Wilford Woodruff should have baptized 1,800 people in eight months. The work accomplished in the British Mission by the first missionaries is a wonderful confirmation of the revelations given to the Prophet Joseph prior to and immediately after the organization of the Church, to the effect that "the field is white already to harvest; therefore whoso desireth to reap let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the day lasts."

I look back upon the three years that I spent as President of the British and European missions as the most satisfactory three years of my life. There is no labour in which any Latter-day Saint can engage which brings more real satisfaction than labouring to bring souls to a knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the plan of life and salvation.

My heart goes out in gratitude to all of those who have laboured upon foreign missions, and it is a real pleasure for me to be here to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the introduction of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the British Isles, the first foreign mission ever established by the Church in this dispensation. The accomplishments of the early missionaries in Great Britain under the leadership of two members of the Council of Twelve Apostles, are a vindication of the inspiration to the Prophet Joseph when he called them to open up the British Mission notwithstanding the terrible trials and difficulties through which the Church was passing and the poor health of many of the saints. Undoubtedly at this particular time the Prophet needed the assistance of the Apostles as much if not more than at almost any other period in the history of the Church.

I again desire to express my pleasure that I am permitted the privilege of being present at the Centennial celebration of the birth of the British Mission.

Heber J. Grant



FIRST PRIZE, CENTENNIAL POETRY
CONTEST

TO PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

By GLADYS QUAYLE,
Sunderland Branch.

*To England's Shores a Prophet comes,
Without the sound of beating drums;
No pomp and show will be displayed—
In plainest garb he'll be arrayed—
This messenger of God.*

*The saints for him have waited long;
Now listen to their joyous song,
As they proclaim with hearts sincere
The Prophet whom they love so dear,
The oracle of God.*

*As Prophets spake in days gone by
With simple speech—their hearts draw nigh,
And in this glorious latter day
Unite to hear him truth portray,
Blest mouthpiece of their God.*

*With head erect, and eyes aglow,
With hair as white as driven snow;
In all humility he'll stand
His life a testimony grand,
A holy man of God.*

Pages from the President's Life.

Top left, with his grandchildren, President Grant cuts his birthday cake on his eightieth birthday; top right, President and Sister Grant; middle, speaking out-of-doors; and lower, with Sir Malcolm Campbell, when the latter visited Salt Lake City in 1935 to set up a new world's land speed record.





President Clark

TO PRESIDENT AND SISTER CLARK

A cablegram brought news last week that President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., First Counsellor in the First Presidency was sailing to attend the Centennial Conference. With his wife, Sister Luacine Savage Clark, he left New York Thursday, July 15th on the s.s. *Columbus*, and arrived at Plymouth Wednesday, July 21st.

Star readers will recall that President Clark paid a brief visit to England in January of last year and spoke at services in London's Victoria Hall.

While not since 1910 has a President of the Church visited Britain, never in the history of the Mission have two members of the First Presidency been here at the same time. President Clark's visit will make the Centennial celebration a bigger event than ever. To him and Sister Clark the *Star* extends its best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Britain's shores.



Sister Clark

GENERAL OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE



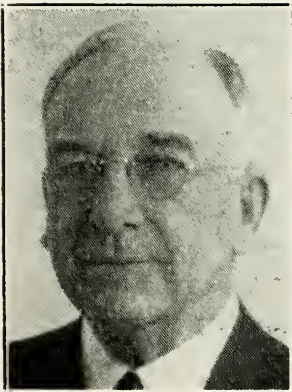
Richard R. Lyman
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Mission and Member
of the Council of the
Twelve Apostles.
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Amy Brown Lyman
Consulting Adviser
for Women's Auxiliaries
in the European Mission
and First Counsellor in
the General Presidency
of the Women's Relief
Society. [Right]

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Left to right: Rose Wallace Bennett, General Board member; Lucy Grant Cannon, First Counsellor; Laura P. Nicholson, General Board member; President Ruth May Fox, Vida Fox Clawson, General Board member and Clarissa A. Beesley, Second Counsellor.



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George D. Pyper
General Superinten-
dent of the Deseret
Sunday School Union.
[Right]

GREETINGS FROM FORMER PRESIDENTS

FROM ELDER RULON S. WELLS EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1896-98

If a day with the Lord is even as a thousand years with us, how insignificant must a hundred years appear to Him; and yet when we contemplate the wonderful achievements of the British Mission since that historic day in July, 1837, when Heber C. Kimball and his companions sailed up the Mersey River and landed on British soil, it seems impossible that so much could be accomplished in the brief period of only one tenth of a day in the Lord's time. But with Him all things are possible and surely the thrilling events that have crowded themselves into this brief centennial fraction of a day constitute, indeed, "a marvellous work and a wonder."



I am truly grateful to my Heavenly Father that I was permitted to have part, even though only a small one, in the great work of carrying the Gospel message to the many nations embraced in the European Mission.

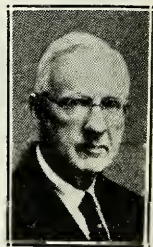
To the Latter-day Saints in the British Isles, of whom there may be some who still remember me, I send my hearty greetings.

FROM PRESIDENT RUDGER CLAWSON EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1910-13

Having presided for a three year period over the European and British Missions, I am profoundly interested in the celebration of the Hundredth anniversary of the preaching of the Gospel in that land.

It will be a time and an occasion for great rejoicing and thanksgiving, not only in Great Britain and Europe, but throughout the entire Church.

We are indebted to the good people of Great Britain who, in the dark days of Nauvoo, when the Church was shaken to its very foundation by false brethren and wicked apostates, accepted the Gospel and joined the Church by hundreds and thousands. Thus was the Church saved from dissolution and destruction. During the past one hundred years it has gone forward by leaps and bounds. All hail to Great Britain! May she prosper under the favour and blessing of the Almighty.



FROM ELDER GEORGE F. RICHARDS EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1916-19

My uncle, George D. Watt had the distinction of being the first man to be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England in the River Ribble on July 20th, 1837.

My mother was born in Clithers, Lancashire, where her parents were among the first to receive the Gospel. The family went to America when she was but twelve years of age. She married Apostle Willard Richards, who was one of the seven missionaries who first brought the Gospel to Britain. After his death she married Willard's nephew, Franklin D. Richards, my father, also an Apostle. He filled several missions to Great Britain and presided over the British and European Missions, edited the *Star*, and organized the Perpetual Emigration Fund, which provided means of emigration for thousands of the saints.



I have none but the most pleasant reflections on my missionary experiences in Britain. My love for, and associations with, the faithful members and missionaries there are among the most pleasant memories of my life.

FROM ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1919-21

To the good people of Great Britain, who welcomed me and my family so warmly at the close of the World War, I send my love, greetings and blessings.



You belong to a great and noble nation. Many of the most faithful members of the Church have come from your land. May you so live your religion that thousands of the honest in heart, seeing your example, may accept the Gospel and call you blessed.

It is one hundred years since the Lord sent his servants to Britain to declare that an angel had flown through the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel to preach to every nation. (Revelation 14: 6-7). These Elders announced that a prophet had been commissioned to restore the Church of Jesus Christ and that signs, as of old, would follow the believers.

Since then thousands of Elders, paying their own expenses, have taught the Gospel in Great Britain. Among these, I am happy to say, were my grandfather, George A. Smith, who, on August 30th, 1840, preached the first Mormon sermon in London; my father, John Henry Smith, who presided over the European Mission, 1882-83; and my son, George Albert Smith, Jr., who served as a missionary in 1920-21. The two first named were both members of the Council of Twelve, and both served as counsellors in the First Presidency of the Church.

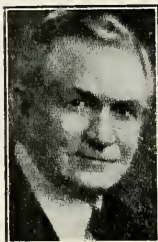
It is with a sincere wish for your happiness and exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom that I send these greetings in this Centennial year.

FROM PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1922-24

"As the dew to the blossoms, the bud to the bee,

"As the scent to the rose are those memories to me."

It affords me true joy to send a message of greeting to the British Mission on the occasion of its hundredth anniversary. Even as I begin to write, cherished memories of happy hours spent as a young missionary in bonnie Scotland, and twenty-five years later as president of the European Mission, rush to my mind in overwhelming reality. My heart thrills as I experience again, though only in recollection, the treasured associations and profitable experiences of the years spent in the mission field.



Sister McKay and I wish that we might greet you personally, but since this cannot be, please know that with these few lines we send you our appreciation, love and blessing. To each and all of you, we clasp hands across the sea in friendship and true brotherhood.

Time is a vindicator of truth. In the century that has passed 126,593 Britons have accepted the message first given July 20th, 1837. I hope my esteemed grandfather from Caithness, Scotland, and my beautiful grandmother from Cefr-Coed, near Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, and a hundred thousand other British grandparents who have lived and died true Latter-day Saints will be with you in spirit, and join the century in vindicating the testimony of the first emissaries of the Church to Great Britain, that God has again spoken to men and divinely established His Church in earth. Greetings, and God bless you!

FROM ELDER JOHN A. WIDTSOE
EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1928-33

On the very day that the restored Gospel was first preached in England, the Lord said in a revelation to the Twelve Apostles of the Church: "In whatsoever place ye shall proclaim my name, an effectual door shall be opened unto you that they may receive my word."



This promise and prophecy has nowhere been more completely fulfilled than in the British Isles. From that historic day to the present, "effectual doors" have been opened to the missionaries of the Church. There have been misconceptions and persecutions, but, the work under the Union Jack has prospered and a wonderful harvest of sincere, earnest, truth-seeking souls has been won. Many have emigrated, all have helped advance the Latter-day cause of the Lord. Thank God for the British Mission and the British blood in the Church. The work of the Lord will rise to greatness upon British and other European soil.

Sister Widtsoe and I pray that the glorious harvest of souls of the century now ending may be multiplied manifold in the century now beginning.

FROM ELDER A. WILLIAM LUND
BRITISH MISSION PRESIDENT, 1928-32

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

I esteem it a privilege to be permitted to send my Centennial greetings through the *Star*. My heart is full of gratitude for the kindness shown by all in that mission to my family and myself. Visits to your conferences were most enjoyable occasions. The recollections of them will ever be treasured and those happy occasions will always be sacred memories.

Momentous things have been accomplished in the British Mission during the past one hundred years. The Church has enrolled in its membership many thousands of honest souls from among the people of Britain.

My wife joins me in heartfelt greetings to you all and in humble prayers for your success and happiness.



FROM ELDER JAMES H. DOUGLAS
BRITISH MISSION PRESIDENT, 1932-34

It is indeed a happy privilege to extend to you my sincere felicitations on the eve of the one hundredth anniversary of the Gospel's introduction to the British Isles.

May I ask what it has all meant to you? Has it made you better men and women, better husbands, better wives, better fathers, better mothers? Has it helped you in rearing your families, giving them the advantage of the best moral training, teaching them to live pure, clean, virtuous lives; to be honest and upright in all their dealings with their fellow men? If the Gospel has not helped you in these things it has failed in its purpose.

Having served as your president for three very happy joyful years. I sincerely hope that the succeeding century will carry the sacred Gospel message to multitudes now living who will know not of its truths, and still further, may its redeeming message reach millions yet unborn.

My wife joins me in wishing you our sincere heartfelt congratulations and good wishes for a successful, satisfactory termination of your one hundredth anniversary. Our love and good wishes go to one and all.



FROM ELDER JOSEPH F. MERRILL
EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT, 1933-36

Cordial greetings to all *Star* readers! I have seen and loved your country. Absence from your land, though it has been short, has increased my admiration for it. I admire your deep-seated love of liberty, your obedience to law, your fondness for order and I congratulate you on the objectives of your government in the cause of peace and international goodwill.



My heart is full of blessings for your people in their willingness that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints shall have full religious liberty in your green and pleasant land. It was not always so. But now that they know us better and have learned that our motives are good and pure, they are willing to extend to us the privilege they give to other worthy people living among them. God bless them for this.

May your Government and people be able to keep the peace of Europe and thwart the hideous war-devils that threaten those fair lands. If the peoples of Europe would only sincerely accept and live the teachings of Jesus the Master, the terrible fear now gripping them would disappear as darkness disappears before the light of day and a feeling of peace and security would reign in every land. May such a day soon come.

FROM PRESIDENT HUGH B. BROWN
NEWLY APPOINTED BRITISH PRESIDENT

"And the king of Israel answered and said . . . Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." (1 Kings 20: 11)

Again we come to the shores of England, a country made dear to us by former associations and citizenship. Love and greetings to all readers of the *Star*.



Under the Church missionary system frequent changes are inevitable. The volunteer and unpaid workers in this great cause give several years of their time in missionary service, but each in turn is called to other fields of action.

As these veterans are transferred and replaced by new recruits, the whole army of workers feel the loss occasioned by their going. When one has done such outstanding work as has President Joseph J. Cannon, the loss of his going is heavy and will be felt for a long time to come. We are unanimous in wishing it were possible for him to remain and preside over us. His release comes with the full confidence, love and blessing of all who know him. His name will be

recorded in the history of the British Mission as one of the truly great ambassadors of truth.

We who come in response to call feel that they who preceded us have tossed to us a torch. Ours is the task to carry it forward from where they leave us.

Following such unusual leadership, undertaking such a stupendous work brings to us the hush which the soldier feels just before the battle. In humility we seek the same divine guidance which characterized his administration. He who now puts the harness off is entitled to feel proud of his accomplishments.



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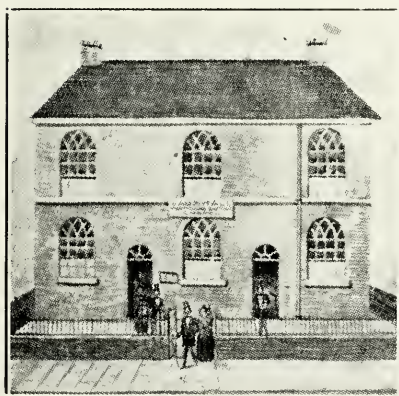
FOUNDATION OF ALL VIRTUES

By ELDER WENDELL J. ASHTON

Formerly Associate Editor, Millennium Star.

SIGNAL events in the plan of the Lord often have found their beginnings in humility. The supreme career of all earthly time began in a lowly manger in pastoral Palestine. God did not choose a regal princess and a pompous palace for bringing His only Begotten Son into the world. Rather, he chose an obscure carpenter's wife and straw-strewn stable in overcrowded little Bethlehem.

So it was with the founding of the New World, where the Gospel of the Master was to be restored in these latter days. It was not the cohorts of Spanish warriors, flaunting banners of battle and glittering armour, in search of gold and glory, who fathered the land. It remained for a small handful of self-exiled British pilgrims, in search of religious freedom, to give America its real genesis. Half of their shivering colony of 102 souls perished from cold during the first winter.



Preston's Vauxhall in 1837

*Where the first Mormon sermon
was preached.*

The re-establishment of the Gospel in this dispensation commenced with a glorious theophany, little more than a century ago. But it was not attended with a fanfare of trumpets, a flurry of purple and ermine nor a hail of "hosannas." The setting was a quiet grove in the backwoods of western New York State, and came as a result of the first vocal prayer of a 14-year old ploughboy. His name was Joseph Smith, and in answer to his question as to which

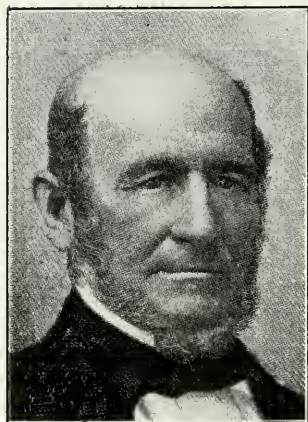
Church was the right one, he beheld God, the Father, and Jesus, His Son. Ten years later, in 1830, the Church was organized—in lowliness again. The organization was effected in a farmhouse, not far from the grove by six young backwoodsmen, so to speak, none of whom was yet thirty-one years of age.

The British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is another great heaven-ordained movement with an origin hallowed in humility. The man who led the first Mormon missionaries to Britain's shores did so under protest, because he explained to the Prophet Joseph Smith, "I am a man of stammering tongue, and altogether unfit for such work." Heber Chase Kimball—that was his name—was a big-boned, raven-haired potter of thirty-five years. He had little schooling, having left his books and slate at the age of four-

teen years to toil in his father's blacksmith shop. At one time, as a lad, he had kept hunger from his father's house by gathering milkweeds, which were boiled to supply the family's daily meal.

Heber C. Kimball left for his mission without purse or scrip. He was accompanied by Orson Hyde, a former Campbellite pastor who once walked 600 miles to find himself a job as a store clerk; Dr. Willard Richards, a New England physician who joined the Church two years earlier, and at the time sold all his properties to join the Saints in Kirtland, Ohio, about 700 miles to the west; and Joseph Fielding, a convert from Canada who had relatives in England. Before they embarked, they were joined by three other converts from Canada—Isaac Russell, John Snyder and John Goodson. There were seven in all in the company.

These are but a few random evidences of the lowly circumstances under which the Gospel was first taken to Britain's shores. The story of the mission from its beginning emphasizes this fact even more.



Heber C. Kimball

"Father" of the British Mission.

The missionaries arrived in Liverpool harbour July 20th, 1837. After a day or two in Liverpool, the contingent started for Preston, about thirty miles north where Joseph Fielding, one of the number, had relatives. They travelled the distance by a horse-drawn coach. When the first missionaries rode into Preston, bands were playing, flags and bunting were flying and cheers filled the streets. But all of this was not for them. They were bringing, humbly and unheralded, a strange message into a strange land. The excitement was over the Parliamentary elections. Only a few days before Queen Victoria had begun what was destined to be the longest reign in Britain's history.

As the missionaries alighted from the coach, they noticed a large streamer unfurled before their eyes. In gilt letters was written, "Truth Will Prevail," Victoria's slogan for the elections.

Beholding the banner, the elders exclaimed in ecstasy, "Amen! Thanks be to God. Truth Will Prevail." "Truth Will Prevail" became their keynote from the outset.

Six of the group found lodgings at the home of a widow for their first night in Preston. The seventh, Joseph Fielding, began searching for his brother, Reverend James Fielding, who lived in Preston. Reverend Fielding's relatives across the Atlantic has corresponded with him about Mormonism, and he was ready to welcome the missionaries when his brother,

Joseph, called on him that Saturday afternoon.

The Elders were invited to Reverend Fielding's home in the evening, and until deep in the night they discussed the Gospel with him. He presided over a little flock of Particular Baptists in Preston. Before the missionaries departed, Reverend Fielding invited them to attend his Sunday services the following morning.

Sabbath morning found the Mormon visitors in the congregation at Vauxhall, meeting place of the Particular Baptists. There was a prayer beating in their hearts as they sat before Reverend Fielding. "We sat before him, praying to the Lord to open up the way for us to preach," Elder Kimball related in his diary. As the meeting was about to close, Reverend Fielding made an announcement. It came without notice, without petition, and as though inspired. He told his flock that in the afternoon an elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints would preach in the hall.

The news of the visiting speaker spread fast. A capacity house turned out to hear the stranger. Thus it was on the afternoon of Sunday, July 23rd, 1837, that Heber C. Kimball rose in Preston's Vauxhall to deliver Mormonism's first sermon in Britain. Following his remarks, Elder Hyde took the lectern and bore testimony to the verity of Elder Kimball's remarks.

In the evening the Mormons were again invited to take the stand. This time Elder Goodson spoke and Joseph Fielding bore testimony. The following Wednesday Elders Hyde and Richards spoke at Vauxhall.

But the missionaries were too successful at Vauxhall for Reverend Fielding. Fearing he would lose his congregation, he became embittered toward the elders, and forbade them from holding further meetings in his place. As he later said in reference to the work of the Latter-day Saints in Preston, "Kimball bored the holes; Goodson drove the nails, and Hyde clinched them."

The turn of Reverend Fielding, however, did not thwart the work of the Lord in Britain. A week after the first sermon was preached nine souls were baptized into the Church near Preston.

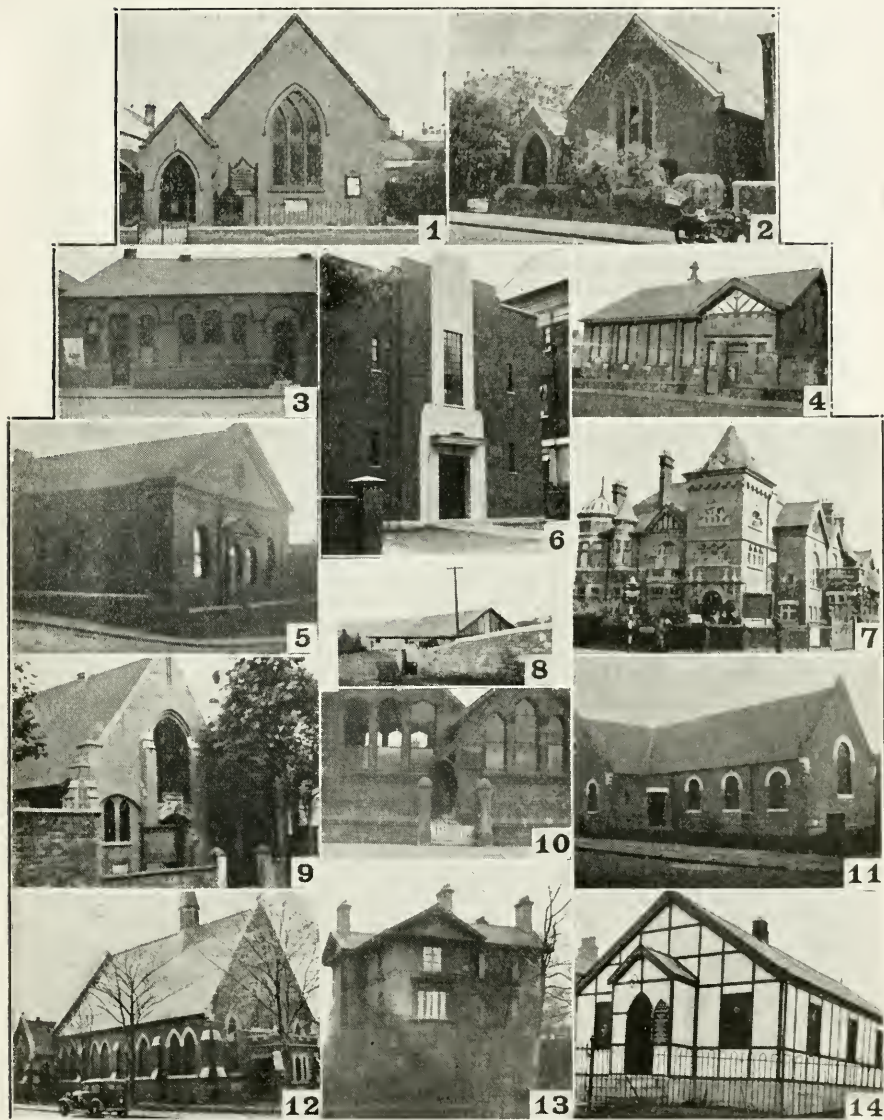
During their eleven months in England, the first missionaries converted approximately 1,500 souls. Elder Kimball recounts that sometimes they chipped away ice in the streams to perform baptisms, and sometimes went into the water six or seven times in a single day to officiate in ordinances. He also mentions in his journal that during his last six months in the mission field he could recall not once having retired to his bed before midnight, so much work there was to be done. Indeed, the field was white, already for the harvest. And all this great gleaning was launched, mind you, by seven young missionaries headed by an unlearned potter "of stammering tongue" who arrived in Britain with few, if any, coppers tinkling in his pockets.

The tremendous work accomplished by Heber C. Kimball and his humble companions was only the commencement, however,

of the British Mission movement. Its story is verily a "Century of Progress." Britain has contributed approximately 125,000 members to the Church, to say nothing of the illustrious progeny that has formed a part of their rich endowment to Mormonism. Many have been the prominent leaders of the Church who have been sons and daughters of Britain's soil. John Taylor was an English shepherd boy who became the third president of the Church. George Q. Cannon, Charles W. Penrose and John R. Winder are three stalwarts who served in the First Presidency who accepted the Gospel while youths in England. Charles W. Nibley was born in the humble home of a Scottish miner in Huttersfield, but he lived to become a great financier and a member of the First Presidency. James E. Talmage, whose scholarly works find themselves on bookshelves in virtually every Latter-day Saint home, was baptized at midnight (because of threatening mob violence) in a little stream in Berkshire. Another English-born Apostle was George Teasdale. Charles A. Callis, a member of the present Quorum of the Twelve, comes from Ireland, where as a boy, he worked to help support his widowed mother. B. H. Roberts who has contributed perhaps more printed pages on Mormon history and doctrine than any other person, was born in Warrington. He crossed America's plains barefooted—because he lost his shoes—as a boy of nine. Wales has given the Church several great musicians such as Evan Stephens. He has composed more Mormon hymns than any other person. There are many great Mormon women from Britain. Ruth May Fox, present president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association of the Church, and May Anderson, now president of the Primary Association, are natives of England. These are but a few examples of the leaders who have come out of the British Mission.

There have been many outstanding missionaries labour in Britain during the century. Every president of the Church, except the Prophet Joseph Smith, has proselyted in the British Isles. Their works in the Kingdom are studded with scores of soul-thrilling experiences. For example, President Wilford Woodruff, at thirty-three years of age, wandered into a little hamlet in Herefordshire on a March night in 1840. He was footsore and hungry. Why he came to the particular village he did not know, other than that the Spirit had led him. To make a long story short, in but a few weeks he had converted hundreds in the vicinity of Frome's Hill, the hamlet into which he wearily trudged that night in March. He wrote that, in eight months of missionary work, he brought 1,800 souls into the Church.

The British Mission on the occasion of its Centenary, looks back upon a glorious heritage, founded, as are so many heaven-willed movements, in lowliness of earthly things, but upon an exalted faith to further the cause of the Lord, and zealously carry His restored Message to new people and to new climes. May the humble, steadfast spirit of the Mission fathers go marching on relentlessly. For as one great teacher has said, "Humility is the foundation of all virtues."



CHAPELS IN THE BRITISH MISSION

1, ✓ Lowestoft; 2, ✓ Norwich; 3, ✓ Rochdale; 4, ✓ Burnley; 5, ✓ Bradford; 6, ✓ North London; 7, ✓ South London; 8, ✓ Merthyr Tydfil; 9, ✓ Handsworth (Birmingham); 10, ✓ Manchester; 11, ✓ Hull; 12, ✓ Kidderminster; 13, ✓ Liverpool; 14, ✓ Oldham. (Photos of West Hartlepool and Sunderland Branch Chapels are not available.)

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1937.

EDITORIAL

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

One hundred years ago seven fearless men, untrained in a theological school or seminary but clothed with that divine authority they had received from the Prophet Joseph Smith, came across the great Atlantic as ambassadors to bring to the people of this hemisphere the newly revealed Gospel of Jesus Christ—to proclaim faith and repentance as a means of salvation. They came and they announced that in accordance with the ancient prophecy the silence of the heavens had been broken, the angel had flown in the midst thereof crying with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." (Revelation 14: 6-7)

These elders had in their souls that zeal which nothing but a burning testimony of the divine mission of Joseph Smith can give. They spoke with real authority since they had received the Priesthood which through the Prophet had been restored.

Concerning this call the Prophet writes, "God revealed to me that something new must be done for the salvation of His Church. And on or about the 1st day of June, 1837, Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve, was set apart by the spirit of prophecy and revelation, prayer and the laying on of hands of the First Presidency, to preside over a mission to England, the first foreign mission of the Church of Jesus Christ in the last days."

In this land of Great Britain these new preachers found many receptive hearts, the divine message they bore let the light of heaven shine into many souls. In the words they spoke many who had been appealing to heaven for the truth to come into their souls recognized the voice of the good shepherd and were convinced of the divinity of the message. God had gone before these workers. Multitudes joined the Church.

Men and women of faith, whose souls had been stirred by this Gospel message left their native land for the new world, where they assisted in the establishment of the Church.

In this work 53,000 from Britain have in one hundred years played an important part. Among the multitude were artisans and men skilled in a variety of hand crafts. They have assisted in building temples, tabernacles, churches and chapels, recreation halls and gymnasiums, as well as private dwellings and business houses of every kind. The trained hands of these industrious old world converts have thus helped literally to transform a parched and barren desert into an empire of loveliness.

And not only did they assist in covering the land with houses and churches but they devised modern methods of irrigation which transformed the desert land into rich and fertile

soil, and finally helped to create a prosperity which would have been impossible of achievement without the co-operation of Pioneers less determined, Pioneers less industrious, leaders less ambitious and courageous.

And these and other early converts to the Church have not only helped to build up the stakes and wards of Zion and make them great but their children and their children's children have assisted in this work and are moving east and west and north and south until the stakes of the Church, the stakes of Zion, have been extended to the great city of New York in the east and the Hawaiian Islands in the west.

Have the British people who are receiving the Gospel to-day that same fervour and that same determination? Is there in

them that same determination and unselfishness?
The Challenge Are they as willing to work, are they as willing
Of To-day to sacrifice, are they as willing to put their means and their hearts and themselves into the cause as were their predecessors?

Those who came, came at the call of the Church to help in the west. The call then was for helpers over there. The call now is for helpers over here. Remember always the widow's mite brings a blessing as great as the rich man's million if the sacrifice is as great in the one case as in the other. We are reminded in this matter of the words of Robert Browning: "All service ranks the same with God. There is no great nor small." You who refuse to do your best are depriving yourself of a blessing. He who makes the greatest sacrifice will gain the richest reward.—RICHARD R. LYMAN

AMY BROWN LYMAN

CENTENARY GREETINGS

A hundred years ago, if the fervent men who brought the Gospel to this hemisphere had been given a momentary vision of our day, they would have been astonished. They walked in the conscious belief that the Lord's second coming was at hand. To them it was an imminent event. They were indeed of prophetic spirit, but the time factor in prophecy is frequently not explicit. And yet they were truly living, as are we, in the last days. Though His coming, like the thief of the night, will take the world by surprise, yet the signs are carrying increasingly stern warnings: violence as a social weapon; the growth of easy virtue; godlessness; the madness that grants excessive power to ambitious leaders; the universal rush to arms; the manifest danger of the fall of civilization. These are all signs of man's failure without divine aid to adjust himself to life.

To us at the beginning of the new one hundred years is entrusted the torch that will lead men out of the confusion. To us is given the divine formula, the potent spirit, the high authority of the Gospel to guide them to peace with one another and to prepare them to meet the Lord as they pass on or as He comes with world shaking power and glory.

—JOSEPH J. CANNON
 RAMONA W. CANNON

THE GIFT OF GIFTS

By ELDER NEPHI JENSEN

ELDER Orson Pratt, mathematician, astronomer, theologian, and apostle of Jesus Christ, was one of the early missionaries of the Church in the British Isles. In his vigorous and powerful writings he gives us the most challenging illustration of the distinctive contribution of the Gospel restoration to modern religion.

He states that the Bible is merely a history of the spiritual banquet of the ancients, through the enlightening, inspiring, healing, comforting, sanctifying and glorifying power of the Holy Ghost; and that the real feast of the sweet, nourishing, exhilarating and ennobling graces of the Spirit have been restored to the world through the faith, devotion and prophetic ministry of Joseph Smith, the prophet of the new day of spiritual development.



Joseph Smith

"We have the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The first missionaries of the Church brought to these Isles in 1837, three inestimable gifts, graces and powers—the grace of Faith, the power of the Priesthood, and the gift of the Holy Ghost. These are the great spiritual realities and powers of Christianity that make it a religion of divine fact and dynamic, purifying, transforming and glorifying force in the world. By the quickening power of this soul-stirring faith, the hearts of tens of thousands of men and women, have been awakened to the absolute reality of a personal God; and have been moved to seek him with a holy ardour that actually discovered the truth of the deathless words, "Ask and ye shall receive." By the valid admin-

istration of holy ordinances by the restored Priesthood, this host of men and women has been brought into actual conscious union with the God of holiness; and through confirmation by the same divine Priesthood they have received the gift of gifts—the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the inspiration of which they have been brought into joyous fellowship with God; and have partaken of the light by which alone purified souls can see the eternal glory of God as it unfolds in the ceaseless progress of his Kingdom of power and majesty.

Religion in the sense in which Joseph Smith restored it to the world is more than a finely thought out philosophy of human development and destiny. It is deeper than sacerdotal mysticism that merely stimulates the imagination with gorgeous ecclesiastical paraphernalia and ritualistic display. It is finer than the finest aestheticism that puts robes of beauty on concepts of God, and the endless life. In its true

vital aspects, religion of the Prophet's Gospel-restoration is the actual pulsating energy, life and power of God in the soul, transforming, purifying and sanctifying the affections and aspirations of the heart through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; and the making of the will of God regnant in human affairs through the actual authority of God.

It changes prayer from a fretful imagined communion with an inconceivable God to an actual soul-stirring conscious heart to heart and spirit to spirit conversation with a gracious personality—the loving Father of all. It changes sacred ordinances from mere mechanical performances to actual heart-sanctifying expressions of the soul's inmost allegiance to God, giving a deeper, truer and sublimer meaning to worship.

The finest flowering of religion as instituted by the Master and re-instituted in our age, is that supreme aspect of culture called spirituality. Spirituality in the true sense in which the divine Master and Joseph Smith taught and enjoyed it is the actual "life of God in the soul," evoked by the enlightening and quickening power of the Holy Ghost. It is that inner life awakened by the sensitizing power of the Holy Ghost, that intensifies appreciation of the beautiful, deepens love for the truth, makes the heart beat in unison with the high moral forces of the universe, enhances delight in the realization of high ideals and quickens in the soul the joy and glory of being in actual conscious partnership with God.

Sir Isaac Newton turned a ray of light through a glass prism and all the radiant colours of the rainbow shone out in resplendent glory. Joseph Smith turned the white light of the Holy Ghost through purified human souls, and all the elements of moral greatness and all the graces of spiritual grandeur were reflected in characters of transcendent nobility.

Joseph Smith himself recognized that his restoration to religious life of the spiritualized power of the Holy Ghost was his most distinctive contribution to modern religion. When Martin Van Buren asked the Prophet what was the difference between his people and other religious people, the Prophet tersely replied, "We have the gift of the Holy Ghost." His brief answer is sweeping and most comprehensive. In effect the prophet said, "I have brought back to a world of shallow theological theorizing and religious sentimentalizing, the source of all certainty regarding things divine, and the power by which man attains to the purest fruition of the religious life—true soul transforming and sanctifying spirituality.

One of the most unbiased and impressive testimonies, regarding the refining and ennobling influence of this pure spirituality, was given by the celebrated Englishman of letters, Charles Dickens, in 1857. An unusual curiosity moved him to visit the ship *Amazon*, about to embark for America with eight hundred Mormon converts aboard. This company of new-found disciples of a new faith, had been gathered from half a dozen different countries. They represented different vocations, strates of society, and varying temperments and customs of life. And yet, there was an unusual unity, orderliness, friendliness, dignity, refinement and calm sin-

cerity prevalent in the company that deeply impressed the great writer. He was compelled to conclude that their lives had been transformed and refined by an unusual ennobling influence. In his book the "Uncommercial Traveller," he tells of the profound impression these transformed converts made upon his mind. He says that he left the ship "feeling it impossible to deny that so far some remarkable influence had produced a remarkable result, which better known influences have often missed."

The "remarkable influence" of which Dickens speaks is the power of the Holy Ghost, by which purified souls are made spiritual and receive the life of life—the abundant life.

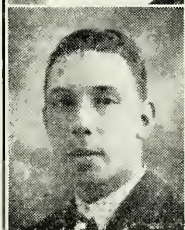
The great Pioneers of the evangelism of the new day of God's power—Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde and Joseph Fielding—found on these Islands, a fine three-fold culture—the scientific, the ethical and the aesthetical—and they added a fourth element—the highest of all—the culture of the Spirit. When they came to these shores they literally made

"The tender light of faith to shine,
 "By which alone the mortal heart is led,
 "Unto the thinking of the thought divine."



CENTENNIAL CONTEST WINNERS

By midnight, June 28th, when the Centennial Prose and Poetry Contests came to a close, entries had been received from every district in the mission. Sister Gladys Quayle, of Sunderland Branch was awarded first prize in the poetry contest. To President Heber J. Grant, the prizewinning poem is found on page 451. Brothers William J. Jolliffe, Jr., of St. Albans Branch and John F. Cook, of Lowestoft Branch,



Top, Sister Quayle; centre, Brothers Jolliffe and Cook, Sisters Bryant and Taylor, bottom, Sister Perry.

won second and third places, respectively.

Sister Muriel Perry, of Cardiff Branch, was adjudged winner of the Centennial Prose contest with her article *Messengers of Truth*, which will appear in next week's *Star*. Second and third places went to Sisters Doris A. Taylor, of Bolton Branch, and Elsie Bryant of Bristol Branch.



THROUGH A CENTURY OF HISTORY

By ELDER PARRY D. SORENSEN

WHEN Elder Parley P. Pratt was crossing the Atlantic on one of his missions to Britain, he travelled steerage, due to lack of sufficient means. An American holiday occurred while the boat was in mid-ocean and the passengers on the upper deck, desirous of celebrating the occasion, sought an orator to address them. Someone suggested the Mormon Apostle. He was sent for.

It happened that Elder Pratt's clothes were not too presentable at the time, and his appearance must have greatly disappointed those who gathered to listen to his speech. But they said nothing about it, and he was introduced as the "orator of the day." The people in the audience were delighted with the speech, and at its conclusion, carried him about the deck on their shoulders, saying that it was the best speech they had ever heard. Another Mormon Elder present said the same thing.

Because of his eloquent address, Parley P. Pratt was invited to ride first class for the remainder of the voyage.

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From Page 295 of the first volume of the *Millennial Star* we find this item of news:

Sister Alice Hodgkin died at Preston on the 2nd of September, 1838, and it was such a wonderful thing for a Latter-day Saint to die in England that Elder Willard Richards was arraigned before the mayor's court at Preston, on the 3rd of October, charged with "killing and slaying" the said Alice, with a "black stick," etc., but was discharged without being permitted to make his defence, as soon as it was discovered that the iniquities of his accusers was about to be made manifest.

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While looking through books in the Preston Library recently, Elder J. Glen Burdett came across *Hewittson's History of Preston*. Under the subject of "Mormons" he found the following:

When certain Elders of the Mormon faith were, in 1837, dispatched to England, the first place they hoisted their standard was Preston. Here and in the surrounding country districts the 'cause' was vigorously advocated. One of the adjoining villages, Longton, became greatly enamoured of Mormonism. At Preston during their early efforts the Mormons held meetings in the 'Old Cock Pit' . . . Early in 1833 some of the representatives of Mormonism re-applied at Preston. On the afternoon of March 4th one or more Elders preached in the North End Commercial School, St. Peters Street; but the master thereof announced, during the following week, that he had let them use the School 'under some misapprehension, and without due reflection,' and that, having since 'thought over this matter,' he had 'refused it for any further meetings'. . . . Longton was in 1840 one of the great hot beds of Mormonism. Brigham Young once preached in Longton; Longton contributed £100 towards the first printing press of the Mormons. Many Longton people emigrated to Salt Lake; and during the Crusade both the Protestant Church and the Wesleyan Chapel of the village were, for a time, rather seriously shattered; the Wesleyan place of worship was nearly emptied.

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Probably the most interesting of all missionary experiences were those of Elder Wilford Woodruff, in Herefordshire, when he baptized over eighteen hundred souls during eight months. One night when he was preaching at John Benbow's home,

he was interrupted by a constable, who informed him that he had been sent by the rector of the parish to arrest the Mormon missionary. "For what crime," asked Elder Woodruff. "For preaching to the people," the constable replied.

Stating that he had a license to preach, Elder Woodruff asked the officer to be seated until the end of the meeting. The constable took a seat right next to the speaker. At the conclusion of the missionary's sermon, which lasted over an hour, the constable arose and said, "Mr. Woodruff, I would like to be baptized." Four preachers also presented themselves for baptism that same evening.

The constable returned to the rector and told him that if he wanted Mr. Woodruff taken for preaching the Gospel, he must go himself and serve the writ. The rector sent two Church of England clerks to a meeting as spies and they were both baptized and confirmed. The rector did not send anyone else.

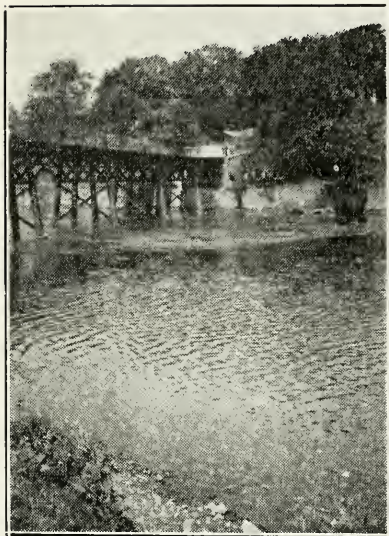
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It is a singular coincidence that the Gospel was brought to Britain only a few weeks after Queen Victoria ascended the Throne. Now the Church celebrates its one hundredth anniversary only a few weeks after the Coronation of another Monarch, His Majesty King George VI. Just four years after the first missionaries had arrived in England, President Brigham Young, who had directed the publication of the first British edition of the Book of Mormon, arranged for copies of it to be richly bound for presentation to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort. President Lorenzo Snow, then presiding over the Church in London, made the presentation of the books to the Queen and her Consort through the politeness of Sir Henry Wheatley.

Tullidges Histories records the presentation thus:

... it is said that Her Majesty condescended to be pleased with the gift. Whether she ever read the Book of Mormon is not known, although if the presentation did not altogether fade from her memory, Mormonism became sensational enough to provoke even a monarch to read the book, if for nothing better than curiosity; so not unlikely, Queen Victoria read some portions, at least, of the Book of Mormon.

Simultaneous with the Centennial conference in Preston and Rochdale, a celebration is being held Sunday, August 1st, in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, with approximately three hundred members of the British Mission Association taking part in a pageant which depicts in a series of tableaux, early events in the history of the Church. President David O. McKay will be principal speaker at the service. The July number of *The Improvement Era* is largely devoted to the British Mission, with a picture of Big Ben on the cover of the magazine. Recently off the press is a volume, *A Century of Mormonism in Great Britain*, by Elder Richard L. Evans, managing editor of the *Era* and formerly associate editor of the *Millennial Star*. It relates the story of the activities of the Church in the United Kingdom, with emphasis on its introduction a century ago. Two hundred and fifty pages in length, the volume also contains a number of interesting illustrations of Church landmarks and buildings and the men who have presided over the European and British Missions.



River Ribble

BRITISH CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

*M.I.A. and Primary
Convention*

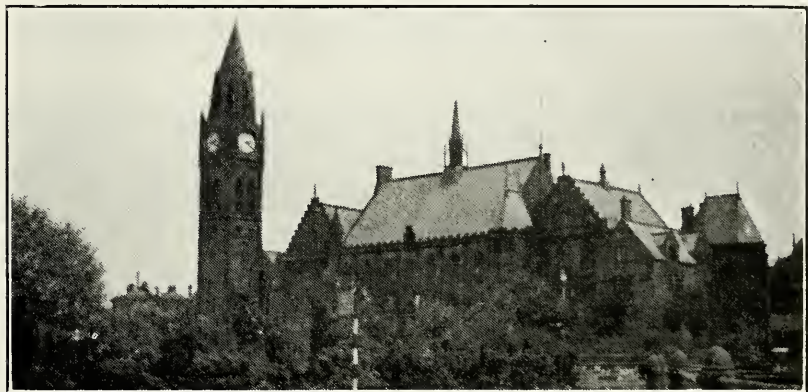
Preston & Rochdale

July 30th-31st

August 1st-2nd

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

The following pages of this special Centennial issue of the *Millennial Star* contain the official programme to be observed during the Conference week at Preston and Rochdale.



Rochdale Town Hall

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

(Commencing Wednesday, July 28th)

WEDNESDAY

2.0 p.m. Missionaries' meeting, Rochdale Branch Chapel.

THURSDAY

Continuation of Missionaries' meeting.

FRIDAY

11.30 a.m. Buses leave Rochdale for Preston.

1.0 p.m. Pilgrimage to historic spots.

3.0 p.m. River Ribble Services.

SATURDAY

8.0 a.m. Registration begins.

9.0 a.m. M.I.A. discussion meeting, Rochdale Chapel.

1.30 p.m. Speech and Music Demonstrations, Chapel.

3.30 p.m. Baseball match, Spotland Field.

6.30 p.m. Welcoming Tea, Pioneer Hall.

8.0 p.m. Pageant, Rochdale Town Hall.

SUNDAY

9.0 a.m. Testimony meeting, Town Hall.

11.0 a.m. General Conference session.

1.0 p.m. Luncheon, Pioneer Hall.

2.30 p.m. General Conference session.

5.0 p.m. Tea, Pioneer Hall.

6.30 p.m. General session.

MONDAY

9.0 a.m. Institute meeting, Chapel.

12.30 p.m. Luncheon, Pioneer Hall.

2.0 p.m. Mass Demonstrations and Sports meet, Spotland Field.

6.0 p.m. Tea, Pioneer Hall.

7.0 p.m. Centennial Ball, Carlton Ball Room.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

On Wednesday and Thursday, July 28th and 29th, all of the missionaries labouring in the British Mission will assemble in Rochdale Branch Chapel for meetings under the direction of Presidents Joseph J. Cannon, Hugh B. Brown and General Authorities.

Although official registration begins Saturday morning at 8.0, all those who arrive in Rochdale prior to that time should go to the Rochdale Chapel, Lower Sheriff Street, where they can register and be assigned lodgings.

FRIDAY, JULY THIRTIETH

11.30 a.m. Buses leave Rochdale for Preston bearing the missionaries and all others desiring to attend the services there.



A Latter-day Saint Scout Troop

1.0 p.m. Commencement of pilgrimage to historic points of interest in Preston, which will include the lodge on Wilfred Street, where the first missionaries stayed, the Obelisk, scene of the first street meeting, the old Cockpit, location of the early day conferences, and Vauxhall Chapel, where, on July 23rd, 1837, the first Latter-day Saint sermon was preached.

3.0 p.m. Open-air services on the banks of the River Ribble, scene of the first baptism exactly a century ago. Memorial plaque to be unveiled by President Grant. President Joseph J. Cannon conducting, under the direction of President Grant.

Opening Hymn: *Lo On the Water's Brink We Stand*.....Congregation
Invocation

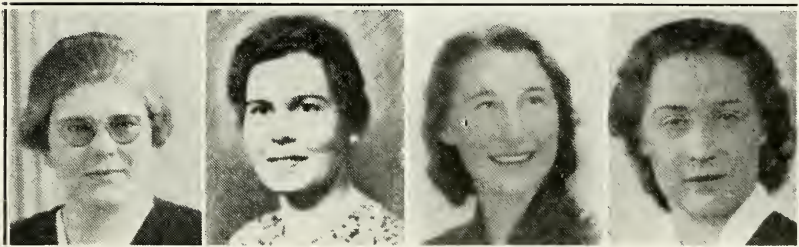
Selection..... Millennium Chorus

Hymn: *The Happy Day Has Rolled On*.....Congregation

Remarks and Unveiling of Plaque.....President Heber J. Grant

Closing Hymn: *An Angel From on High*.....Congregation

Benediction



BRITISH MISSION Y.W.M.I.A. OFFICERS:

Florence Malmberg
President

Madeline E. R. Hill
First Counsellor

Elvera Campbell
Second Counsellor

May Gardner
Secretary

SATURDAY, JULY THIRTY-FIRST

8.0 a.m. General Registration begins at Rochdale Branch Chapel.

9.0 a.m. M.I.A. Discussion Meeting.

Rochdale Chapel, President Cannon conducting.

Opening song: *M.I.A. We Hail Thee*.....Congregation

Invocation

Selection.....Millennial Quartette

Open Discussion:

M.I.A. problems and questions. Instructions by the General Officers and Board members present. General instructions for the entire conference.

Community Singing.....Directed by Dr. Ray M. Russell

Remarks.....President Ruth May Fox

Remarks.....Superintendent George D. Pyper

Closing song: *The M Men are Leading Along*.....Congregation

Benediction

1.30 p.m. Speech and Music Demonstrations.

Rochdale Chapel, Gertrude L. Horlacher conducting.

Invocation

M Men speeches will be interspersed with the Gleaner Choruses. At the conclusion, the M Men will select one of their number to represent them at the Monday Institute meeting. The Gleaner Choruses will select two choruses to represent them.

All choruses will join in singing *The Old Refrain*

Directed by Dr. Ray M. Russell.

Benediction

3.30 p.m. Baseball Match.

Spotland Field, Rochdale Greys vs. Liverpool Caledonians.

6.30 p.m. Welcoming Tea.

Pioneer Hall, Lord Street; Florence Malmberg, Mistress of Ceremonies.

8.0 p.m. Pageant.

Rochdale Town Hall (Seats will be reserved for ticket-holders until 7.40 p.m., at which time the doors will be opened to the public).



BRITISH MISSION Y.M.M.I.A. OFFICERS:

Dr. Ray M. Russell Dr. John Bleakley Lewis H. Tarr Richard S. Tanner
Superintendent First Assistant Second Assistant Executive Secretary

THE EVERLASTING DOORS

"... and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in."

An Historical Pageant in Three Acts

With Prologue

Adapted and written by Marie Waldram, Richard S. Tanner
and Robert S. Stevens. Directed by Marie Waldram

Some of the poetical text was taken from Mrs. Bertha A. Kleinman's work in the *Message of the Ages*, with quotations from Elder Orson F. Whitney's epic poem, *Elias*. Some of the narrative selections were adapted from Mrs. Kleinman's pageant, *A Missionary Centennial*.

In commemoration of

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF MORMONISM INTO BRITAIN

Epic Readers.....Madeline E. R. Hill and Dora Bargh
Narrative Readers.....Robert L. Dunn and Lorenzo P. Dunn
Unseen Readers.....Ellis E. Craig and Clyde L. Barraclough
At the Organ.....Bertram T. Willis
Special Musical Artists...Muriel Hunter, Winifred E. Makin, Clyde L. Barraclough, A. Burt Keddington, Richard P. Evans, O. Clifford Merrill and the Millennial Chorus.

PROLOGUE

Trumpeters.....Dennis Kay and Arnold Baron

Part I. The Ancient Dispensation.

The Patriarchs: Adam, M. Warner Murphy; Enoch, O. Clifford Merrill; Noah, Stanley H. Heal; Abraham, Alma J. Larkin; Melchizedek, Richard P. Evans; Isaac, David C. Thomas; Jacob, Glen H. Grimmett; Joseph, Owen P. Gladwell; Ephraim, A. Ferron Forsgren; Moses, Harold P. Mogerley; David, Walter D. Woffinden; Solomon, Frank A. Martin; Job, Arlond T. Christensen; Isalah, Mac C. Matheson; Daniel, Paul C. Palmer; Jeremiah, Kenneth M. Williams; Malachi, S. Bruce Hanks; Elijah, Norman H. Roberts; Lehi, Dean W. Francis; Nephi, DeLos A. Rowe; Alma, Laurel T. Pugmire; Samuel the Lamanite, P. M. Anderson Moyes.

Part II. The Dispensation of the Meridian of Time.

Scene 1. *The Sermon on the Mount.*

In this scene and those others in which a group of characters take part, such as the Martyrdom of Tyndale, the First Baptisms, the Embarkation, the Nations, etc., those playing the group parts will be included among the following: Lily Smith, Kathleen Carroll, Elsie Beet, Doris Woolfenden, Elsie Grinrod, Herbert Woodhead, Nora Finch, Jane Woodhead, Jack Teale, Maude Teale, Clara W. Teale, Dorcus Charlton, Henry Henthorn, Violet Clough, Arthur Fitton, Kathleen Woodhead, Ivy Woodhead, Edith Butterworth, Hazel Woodhead, Edith Gillies, Emily Howarth, Brenda Sutcliffe, Joan Buckley, Isabelle Woodhead, W. E. Mills, Mrs. W. E. Mills, Elizabeth Buckley, Harold Henthorn, Alice Vose, Dorothy Chambers, Brinton Beverley, Ellis E. Craig, May Pearson, Lily Butterworth, Peggy Barton, Lydia Pearson, Alfred Teale, Dennis Grimshaw, Annie McCarroll, Margaret Howarth, John Massey.

Scene 2. *The Resurrection.*

Mary, Emily Twentyman; Martha, Edith Hodgson; Mary Magdalene, Alice Beet.

Roman Guards.....Robert Hopkinson and William Burt Buxton

ACT ONE

THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES

Scene 1. Martyrdom of Tyndale.

William Tyndale.....Max Garn Capener

Scene 2. The First Vision.

Joseph Smith, the boy.....Norman T. Woodhead

Scene 3. The Book of Mormon.

Joseph Smith, the man.....A. Burt Keddington
 Angel Moroni.....Wilford A. Kowallis
 Book of Mormon Characters: De Los A. Rowe, Dean W. Francis, Laurel T. Pugmire, P. M. Anderson Moyes, David C. Thomas, Glen H. Grimmett, A. Ferron Forsgren and Owen P. Gladwell.

Scene 4. Organization of the Church.

Joseph Smith, A. Burt Keddington; Hyrum Smith, William G. Woffinden; Oliver Cowdery, Max H. Duffin; Peter Whitmer, John F. Kimball; Samuel Smith, Roscoe G. Booth; David Whitmer, Christian J. Draayer.

ACT TWO

THE GOSPEL COMES TO BRITAIN

Scene 1. Preston in 1837.

English citizens: George E. Dale, Thomas Boothroyd, Lily Finch, Nora Finch, Henry Henthorn, Marion Baron, Sarah Allsop.

Mormon Missionaries: Heber C. Kimball, Wendell C. Fowler; Willard Richards, Edmund M. Evans; Orson Hyde, Vernon A. Cooley; Isaac Russell, Benjamin H. Glade; John Snyder, Russell S. Marriott; John Goodson, Donald P. Fowler; Joseph Fielding, Blaine D. Fisher.

Scene 2. Vauxhall Chapel.

The Reverend Mr. Fielding.....John Woodhead
 Heber C. Kimball.....Wendell C. Fowler

Scene 3. First Baptisms.

Candidates for baptism: George D. Watt, John Massey; Charles Miller, Arthur Nock; Ann E. Walmsley, Mrs. W. E. Mills; Thomas Walmsley, W. E. Mills; Miles Hogden, R. J. Pearce; George Wate, A. Kershaw; Henry Billsbury, R. Melling; Mary Ann Brown, Elizabeth Buckley; Ann Dawson, Emily Howarth.

Scene 4. The Embarkation.

Scene 5. Tableaux.

"Handcart Pioneers".....President and Mrs. George Poole
 "Burying a Child".....President and Mrs. Andre K. Anastasiou
 "Pioneers and Indians"



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ACT THREE

PROGRESS OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS

Scene 1. The Auxiliaries and Ideals of the Church.

Relief Society.....Alice Vose, Bertha Butterworth, Elsie Beet
 Genealogical Society...Norah Finch, Maude Teale, Clara Teale, Mrs.
 Edward Hartley, W. E. Mills.
 Sunday School.....Elsie Grinrod, Jack Teale, Harold Henthorn, Ivy
 Buckley, Joan Buckley.
 Primary.....Manchester District Primary children
 M.I.A.....William Burt Buxton, Winifred Bullock, James McQueen,
 Robert Hannah, Robert Hopkinson

Ideals of the Church.

Work.....Gladys Jenkins, John B. Hoge, E. Leon Mather
 Education...Catherine L. M. Horner, Elizabeth Cannon, Parry D. Sorensen
 Church...Brigham Young V, Amy Kathryn Lyman, Margaret Wallace
 Home.....Louisa Grint, Paul L. Badger, Mark Cannon
 Music and Dancing (Recreation)...May Gardner, Blaine D. Parkinson,
 Mrs. Robert Wallace, Bessie Hawkins.

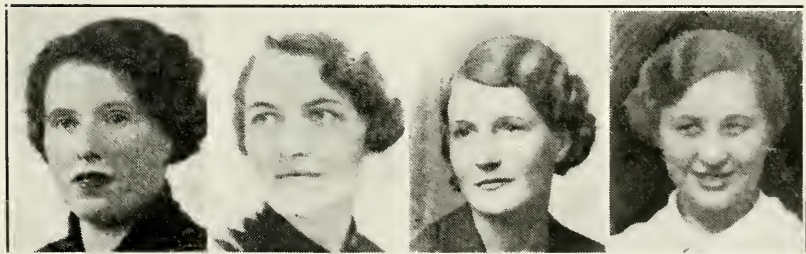
Scene 2. The Nations.

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Guests of Honour at the Sunday meetings will be President Heber J. Grant, President and Mrs. J. Reuben Clark, Jr., President and Mrs. Richard R. Lyman, Superintendent George D. Pyper, President Ruth May Fox, Counsellors Lucy Grant Cannon and Clarissa A. Beesley, Rose W. Bennett, Laura P. Nicholson, Vida Fox Clawson, President Hugh B. Brown, and Elder and Mrs. Arthur Winter.

9.0 a.m. Testimony Meeting.

Town Hall, President Cannon conducting.
 Opening Hymn: *The Morning Breaks*.....Congregation
 Invocation.....President Richard C. Thomas, Welsh District
 Testimonies
 Closing Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*.....Congregation
 Benediction.....President Samuel Pears, Nottingham District

11.0 a.m. General Session under the direction of the British Mission Sunday Schools.

Bertram T. Willis conducting.
 Opening Hymn: *Welcome, Welcome, Sabbath Morning*...Congregation
 Invocation.....President Norman Dunn, Birmingham District
 Two-and-a-half-minute talks
 The Past One Hundred Years.....Bernard Hall, Grimsby Branch
 The Next One Hundred Years.....Marjorie Gregory, Batley Branch
 Reading of the list of Home Sunday Schools in the Mission, with a call for those members in attendance to stand.....Elder Willis
 Selection.....Sunday School and Primary Chorus, directed by Marie Waldram
 Relief Society Roll of Honour—names of those who have been in the organization ten years or more—with a call for those in attendance to stand.....Ramona W. Cannon
 Speaking under the direction of President Grant
 Hymn: *Who's On The Lord's Side, Who?*.....Congregation
 Closing Hymn: *Joseph Smith's First Prayer*.....Congregation
 Benediction.....President George H. Bailey, Sheffield District

1.0 p.m. Luncheon.

Pioneer Hall, Richard S. Tanner, Master of Ceremonies.

2.30 p.m. General Session under the direction of the Mission M.I.A.

Dr. Ray M. Russell conducting.
 Opening Hymn: *Come Hail the Cause of Zion's Youth*...Congregation
 Invocation.....President William H. Stout, Scottish District
 Selection.....Gleaner Chorus
 Presentation of Slogan
 Challenge to British Youth.....Joseph J. Cannon
 Selection: *The Clarion Call*.....Millennial Chorus
 Speaking under the direction of President Grant
 Achievement Certificates awarded by President Grant
 Closing Song: *Carry On*.....Congregation
 Benediction.....President Andre K. Anastasiou, London District

5.0 p.m. Tea.

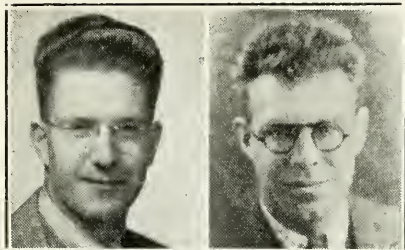
Pioneer Hall, President Hugh B. Brown, Master of Ceremonies.

6.30 p.m. General Session.

President Joseph J. Cannon conducting.
 Opening Hymn: *Come Come, Ye Saints*.....Congregation
 Invocation.....President Benjamin R. Birchall, Irish District
 Anthem: *Send Out Thy Light*.....Choir Ensemble
 Speaking under the direction of President Grant
 Musical selection: *O My Father*.....Millennial Chorus
 Closing Hymn: *Redeemer of Israel*.....Congregation
 Benediction.....President William Gregson, Manchester District

MONDAY, AUGUST SECOND

9.0 a.m. Institute Meeting.

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Rochdale Chapel, Madeline E. R. Hill, conducting
Opening Hymn: *The Spirit of God Like a Fire* Congregation
Invocation
Selection.....A Gleaner Chorus
Talks by the General Board Members
Selection: Duet....Annie Wigglesworth, Nellie Butterfield
Explanation of Temple Testament
Arlond T. Christensen
Further Talks by General Board Members
Address.....M Men Speech Representative
Hymn: *O Say, What is Truth?* Congregation
Benediction

12.30 p.m. Luncheon.

Pioneer Hall, *Star* Banquet, President Joseph J. Cannon, conducting

2.0 p.m. Mass Demonstrations.

Spotland Field, Paul L. Badger, conducting

Singing: *The M Men are Leading Along*

Presentation of Union Jacks:

President Heber J. Grant.....George Laycock

Singing: *We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet*.....Congregation

Superintendent Richard R. Lyman.....William Perry

Superintendent George D. Pyper.....James Gemmell

President Ruth May Fox.....Jean B. Cussans

Singing: *Carry On!*.....Congregation

Track Meet

M Men Events: 100 yards dash; Half-mile run; 220 yards; 440 yards; Half-mile relay (four men, 220 yards each); High Jump; Putting the Shot; Running Long Jump.

Gleaner Events: 50 yards dash; 200 yards relay (four girls); Target ball throw.

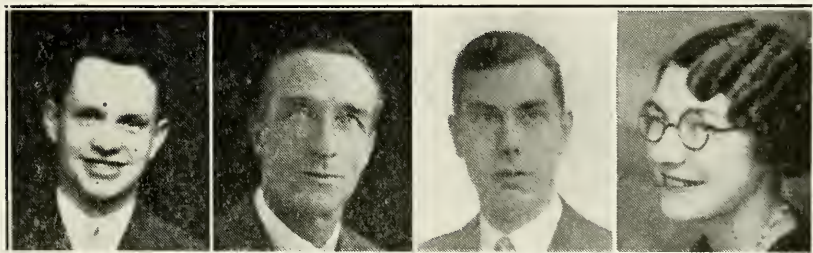
Bee Hive Events: 50 yards dash; 50 yards skipping rope; 50 yards three-legged race.

6.0 p.m. Tea.

Pioneer Hall, Marie Waldram, conducting

7.0 p.m. Grand Centennial Ball.

Carlton Ball Room, Vernon A. Cooley, Master of Ceremonies

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